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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WARNS "VIVA PORTUGAL" TO DESIST IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

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1. AS NOTED REFTEL, A RIGHTIST PORTUGUESE IMMIGRANT FACTION CALLING TISELF "VIVA PORTUGAL" ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE IN BRASILIA DECRYING THE "LEFTIST THREAT" IN PORTUGAL. DESPITE THE ISSUANCE BY THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY OF A NOTE QUESTIONING THE MOTIVES OF "VIVA PORTUGAL" AND CALLING ON THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY TO IGNORE ITS APPEAL, THE COMMUNIQUE HAS DRAWN SUPPORT FROM BELEM, A CENTER OF TT SUORTUGUESE COMMUNITY IN BRAZIL. IN ADDITION, TWO LEADERS OF "VIVA PORTUGAL" SPENT THE WEEKEND OF FEB. 15-16 IN SANTOS, PROSELYTIZING AMONG THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY THERE. TAXNPQCUPEEGSTO REPORTERS THAT "VIVA PORTUGAL", AN OFFSHOOT OF THE PORTUGUESE ASSOCIATION OF BRASILIA, HAS AS ITS GOAL "THE DEFENSE OF PORTUGAL AGAINST THE FOREIGN THREAT IN THE UPCOMING ELCTION." PREDICTABLY, THE ACTIVITIES OF "VIVA PORTUGAL" HAVE GIVEN RISE TO AN ANTITHETICAL MOVEMENT. THE "COMMISSIONOF SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED FORCES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOVEMENT," ALSO BASED IN BRASILIA.

2. FACED WITH THIS EVIDENCE OF GROWING POLITICAL ACTIVITY WITHIN THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY, THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, IN A NOTE ISSUED JOINTLY BY THE FOREIGN AND JUSTICE MINISTRIES ON FEB. 19, WARNED THAT, IN TERMS OF EXISTING LAW, FOREIGNERS ADMITTED TO BRAZIL ARE PROHIBITIED FROM "THE EXERCISE OF WHATEVER ACTIVITY OF A POLITICAL NATURE, EVEN WHEN CARRIED OUT SOLELY AMONG COMPATRIOTS AND RELATED TO POLITICAL EVENTS IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN". THE WARNING DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ACT OF VOTING, ACCORDING TO AN ITAMARATY SOURCE. CRIMMINS

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